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Francis J. Smith Murdering his Wife in a Ravine in Perry Co., Ind.



Sad Catastrophe—Noble Attempt of Mr. Zerbe to Rescue Miss Gould from Drowning at Yellow River, Ind.



R. A. Riverton, the Desperate Burglar, Escaping from the Cars near Mattoon, Ill.



Elizabeth Smith, the Car Thief of Philadelphia.



James McClelland Shooting Preston Christie on the Road near Madison, Ind.



Harry Tyghue, alias Skinner



Charles Wilson alias "Nibbs"

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PROBABLE MURDER IN AN EMINENT HOUSE.  
TERRIBLE STABBING AFFRAY.  
A FRAIL DAUGHTER OF EVE IN IMMEASURABLE TROUBLE.

She is a "Respectable Girl."  
HER FATHER UNDERTAKES TO TRACK HER  
TO THE THEATRE, AND FINDS HER IN  
JACK LOONEY'S DANCE HOUSE.

A SAD SCENE.  
St. Louis, May 31, 1867.  
Last night another tragical scene was enacted in our midst, which derives some interest from its peculiar surroundings. At the corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets is a mammoth beer-saloon, one of the original German kind, "were you pays your money and you gets your beer, by gum," with a flaming gilt sign just behind the bar—"Terms Cash." It is kept—owned, rather—for he is seldom seen about the institution—by a man named Besseli, who, so far as I know, enjoys the reputation of being a gentleman—

or, in popular parlance, a good, square man. Besseli is a great pot-bellied Dutchman, but heavy on the sport. He rides in carriages, and rides at all hours, but when he is at home (meaning his beer saloon), it is one of his greatest aims to preserve peace and order, which he pretty effectually does. Besseli's presence is everything.  
Last night, however, Besseli went out on a "lark." He left his establishment in the hands of faithless barkeepers who, in an evil moment, allowed two men—John Murphy and Thomas E. O'Malley by name—to indulge in a game of cards "for the beer." While playing their game a dispute arose over some trivial point, angry words were passed, words ended in blows, and for a time there was a "scuffle"—a sort of general row, in which everybody was interested except the principals. They both seemed willing to abandon the matter. Quite a large congregation was immediately assembled, including the class of people who are regular patrons of the house. Among these may be mentioned bankers, merchants, grocers, vagrants, "knucks," "gonoffs," and everybody else who takes a glass of beer when he has five cents to spare. So the affair ended in a general brawl, in which all hands joined except O'Malley. Returning to a small apartment in the rear of the saloon, the uses of which I need not designate, O'Malley succeeded in extracting from his pocket something in the shape of a knife. It was a very small affair, and apparently harmless, but its execution was wonderful.  
Returning to the scene of his first encounter, he met his antagonist, and without a word of warning, plunged the knife twice into his bosom, inflicting a terrible perforating wound, just above the left nipple, in the immediate neighborhood of the heart, and a frightful incisive wound in the right breast, a little below the lung. As soon as it became known that a

man was stabbed, the populace began to gather from all quarters. McClelland, the policeman on that duty, succeeded in capturing Murphy (the wounded man) and conveying him to the City Hospital, where he is recovering. He is gradually sinking, and must at length die of sheer exhaustion. Both the com-



Robert McFadden attempting to Kill Miss Macy on Menzies St., Ill.



Samuel Orr Shooting Robt. Dunlap, his Paramour's Husband, at Chicago, Ill.



Michael Gallagher Shooting Henry Cooper near the Avalanche Printing Office, Memphis, Tenn.



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